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PRESS RELEASE

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Date/Time of Occurrence December, 2000
Nature of Call Hate Crime Arrests
Location of Call Alta-Dutch Flat School, Alta Bonnybrook Road, Alta.
Case Number
Released by Lt. Rick Armstrong, (530) 889-7816

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Five juveniles face felony hate crime charges for their involvement in the vandalism of the Alta-Dutch Flat School in late December.

The five youths, ages 14 to 16, admitted to the one-day vandalism spree in which the school sustained an estimated \$3,000 in damages. Using a pocketknife and a permanent marker, the boys carved racial epithets and gang-related graffiti on the rural school's walls and doors.

According to Placer County Sheriff's Detective Corie Quillinan, the subjects defaced the school three times in one evening during the Christmas break. They told Quillinan they were "bored" and "thought it was funny at the time."

Although one boy only watched the vandalism take place, all five will be charged with committing a felony hate crime, which is defined in the California penal code as interfering with the exercise of civil rights and damaging property. Additionally, they will be charged with vandalism and conspiracy charges.

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